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SUBJECT: EIGHTH OCAM SUMMIT: OPENING SESSION CHIEFS OF STATE
MEETING.

REF BANGUI 0917

1. OCAM SUMMIT OPENED AUGUST 10 WITH SEVEN CHIEFS OF STATE
PRESENT. ONLY TOGO, NIGER, AND DAHOMEY NOT REPRESENTED AT
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THAT LEVEL. DUE LATE AFTERNOON ARRIVAL OF GABONESE PRESIDENT

BONGO OPENING MOVED TO EVENING WHICH WILL DELAY CLOSING SESSION
UNTIL LATE AFTERNOON TODAY.

2. MAJOR SPEECHES WERE BY PRESIDENTS BOKASSA (CAR); HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY, OCAM DOYEN (IVORY COAST) AND OCAM PRESIDENT SENGHOR (SENEGAL). BOKASSA STRESSED OCAM UNITY AND IMPORTANCE OF ORGANIZATION AS NECESSARY BUILDING STONE IN ACHIEVEMENT AFRICAN UNITY. HE CALLED FOR CLOSER COOPERATION WITH EC. IN A LONG, GASEOUS SPEECH HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY UNDERSOURED NEED START OUT ALONG NEW LINES WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING EXISTENCE SERIOUS PROBLEMS. HE PROMISED SOLIDARITY WITH ARABS IN DISPUTE WITH ISRAEL WHICH ARAB REPRESENTATIVES HERE NOTED WITH PLEASURE. SENGHOR'S SPEECH, MUCH THE BEST, BEING REPORTED IN DETAIL SEPTEL. BRIEFLY, SENGHOR CALLED FOR WIDER UNITY INCLUDING ARABS, AFRICANS AND WESTERN EUROPE. HE ALSO POINTED TO NEED FOR MORE AFRICAN UNITY TO DEAL WITH EC AND SUGGESTED OCAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANGLOPHONE AFRICAN STATES SHOULD ORGANIZE FOR THIS TASK. HE DIVIDED AFRICA INTO "ANGLOPHONES, FRANCOPHONES AND ARABOPHONES" SAYING THE LATTER TWO SHOULD WORK FAR MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER IN ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL FIELDS. HERE AGAIN, HE FORESAW AN IMPORTANT OCAM ROLE.

3. SENGHOR MADE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, WHICH, EXCEPT FOR LAST, IT IS GENERALLY TAKEN FOR GRANTED WILL BE ADOPTED.

A) BANGUI TO BECOME OCAM HEADQUARTERS;

B) MAJOR GENERAL HABYARIMANA, RWANDAN CHIEF OF STATE, TO BE NEW OCAM PRESIDENT;

C) SUCCESSOR TO OCAM SECRETARY GENERAL FALILOU KANE TO COME FROM MAURITIUS;

D) OCAM CHIEFS OF STATE SHOULD MEET ONLY EVERY TWO YEARS RAHTER THAN ANNUALLY.

4. ACCORDING TO IVORY COAST DELEGATION MEMBER, SENEGAL AND IVORY COAST MADE A DELIBERATE DECISION THAT OCAM WAS WORTH PRESERVING AND THAT SENGHOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS, CONCERNING LOCATION SEAT OF ORGANIZATION AND NATIONALITY OF TOP OFFICERS WAS PRICE THEY FELT THEY HAD TO PAY.

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5. DESPITE PRESENT OPTIMISTIC OVERTONE OF OCAM SUMMIT, RUMORS CONTINUE CIRCULATE (SEE BANGUI 0896) THAT GABON MAY SOON WITHDRAW FROM ORGANIZATION. GABON REPORTEDLY UPSET AT FAILURE OBTAIN NUMBER OF OFFICES IN OCAM REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS. DALE

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